

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3 and 9. As required by the Examiner, Applicants have added the label "Prior Art" to each of the above-identified figures.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets: 2 sheets including Figs. 3 & 4 and 8 & 9.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 13, 2005, the Examiner required that Figs. 3 and 9 be designated as prior art, commented on the form of the abstract, and required correction to the specification. Claims 1-12 were pending as of that Office Action, and the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, and 10-12, objected to claims 1 and 9 due to informalities, and indicated that claims 7 and 9 were directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants cancel claims 1 and 2 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants amend claims 3-11 and add claims 13-33 by way of this amendment. Claims 3-33 will be pending after entry of the amendment.

Drawings

As discussed in the Amendments to the Drawings section, Applicants submit two replacement sheets adding the label "prior art" to each of Figs. 3 and 9 as required by the Examiner to overcome the Examiner's objection to the drawings.

Abstract

Applicants have revised the abstract with the Examiner's comments in mind.

Claim Objections

Applicants have canceled claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 9 in compliance with the Examiner's requirement. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claim 9.

Objection to the Disclosure

Applicants did not intend to delete the heading when deleting the paragraph on page 5 in the preliminary amendment, as they did not consider it a part of that

paragraph. However, to overcome the Examiner's objection, Applicants amend the disclosure as discussed in the Amendments to the Specification section above.

Claim Rejections

Applicants do not address the Examiner's rejections of claims 1-6, 8, and 10-12, since Applicants respectfully believe such rejections are moot in view of Applicants' amendments to the claims.

Applicants have rewritten claims 7 and 9 in independent form to include all of the limitations of independent claim 1, now cancelled. Given the Examiner's indication that such rewritten claims would be allowed, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 7 and 9 and allow them.

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Claims 3-6, 8, and 10 have been amended to change their dependency from claim 1 to independent claim 7. As claims 3-6, 8, and 10 depend from an allowable claim, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow claims 3-6, 8, and 10 for at least the same reason as claim 7.

Applicants have amended independent claim 11 to include the subject matter of previously presented claim 7 that the Examiner indicated was allowable. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 11 is allowable for at least the same reason as claim 7. Claim 12 depends from claim 11 and is also allowable for at least the same reason as claim 7. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 11 and 12 and allow them.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 13-33 do not raise any new issues for examination as all limitations were recited or inherent in previously examined claims 1-12. New claims 13-19 depend from independent claim 9 and are allowable for at least

the same reason claim 9 is allowable. Support for claims 13-19 may be found in at least original claims 3-6, 8, 10, and 7. New claims 20-25 depend from independent claim 11 and are allowable for at least the same reason claim 7 is allowable. Support for claims 20-25 may be found in at least original claims 3-6, 8, and 10. New claims 26 is an independent claim that includes all the limitations of original claims 1, 9, and 11 and is allowable for at least the same reason independent claim 9 is allowable. New claims 27-33 depend from claim 26 and are allowable for at least the same reason claim 9 is allowable. Support for new claims 26-33 may be found in at least original claims 1 and 3-11. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow new claims 13-33.

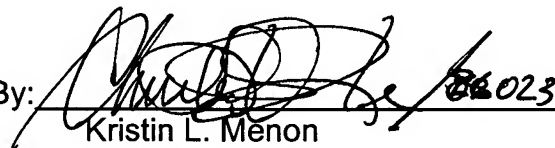
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: 2 Replacement Drawing Sheets, including Figs. 3 & 4 and 8 & 9.